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Subject: 40 Bales marijuana

Hi Julie and Chuck,

Here is my preliminary plan for addressing the needs of that 40 bale marijuana case.

Once we have decided on a date, Dan and I will go down to the BPD warehouse (lots of space there) and set up.

1. Set up and calibrate balance.
2. Assign one lab number to the entire case.
3. Take picture of entire exhibit if possible.
4. Label each bale with the lab number 1 through 40.
5. Record Gross Weight on each bale. (I expect BPD will be providing help moving these around for us)
6. Proceed with removing and weighing packaging from the first several bales (up to 10?).
7. Evaluate the situation based on results of weighing and hopefully stop at this point.
8. Sample the bales that have been opened and place in small plastic bags, heat seal and label.
9. Repackage the bales that have been opened.

List of equipment needed: Cart for balance, balance, big heat sealer, camera, boxcutters, large and small bags, weights, calculator, lab coats, gloves, sharpies, brown paper.

A report will be stapled to the drug receipt summarizing the onsite weighing. The drug receipt will reflect the chain of custody regarding any sampling of the bales that occurs. For example if 10 bales are sampled the description will read "10 plastic bags/vm samples from bales labeled B10-XXXXX-1 through B10-XXXXX-10 were received "

One certificate will be produced.

OK, I know you are going to ask "what if it is going to be over 2000lbs?" Well, the above procedure should consume a whole day and although I HIGHLY suspect we will find that it will be <2000lbs we can regroup and strategize before the next day.

Please send thoughts and or suggestions.

Betsy

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